

#### Members

Rep. William Crawford  
Rep. Mary Kay Budak  
Sen. Connie Lawson  
Sen. Rose Antich-Carr  
Mike Murray  
Dr. Judith Ganser  
Ellen Clippinger  
Cheryl Seelig  
Sven Schumacher  
Kimberly Tracy Armstrong  
Judy Nevins  
Mara Snyder  
Nathan Samuel  
Carol Johnson  
Rev. C L Day  
Sharon Pierce



## **BOARD FOR THE COORDINATION OF CHILD CARE REGULATION**

**Legislative Services Agency  
200 West Washington Street, Suite 301  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789  
Tel: (317) 233-0696 Fax: (317) 232-2554**

#### LSA Staff:

Ann Naughton, Attorney for the Board  
Francine Rowley, Attorney for the Board

Authority: IC 12-17.2-3.1

### **MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

**Meeting Date:** September 10, 2003  
**Meeting Time:** 10:30 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 404  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 1

**Members Present:** Rep. William Crawford; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Rose Antich-Carr; Mike Murray; Dr. Judith Ganser; Ellen Clippinger; Cheryl Seelig; Sven Schumacher; Mara Snyder; Nathan Samuel; Carol Johnson; Rev. C L Day; Sharon Pierce.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Mary Kay Budak; Kimberly Tracy Armstrong; Judy Nevins.

Rep. Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He noted that Natalie Wolfe has not been reappointed to the Board, but that her reappointment is anticipated soon. Rep. Crawford asked the members to introduce themselves. Staff summarized the 2002 recommendations of the Board regarding issues studied by the Board during the 2002 interim. Rep. Crawford noted that the final report of the Board must be completed and approved by the affirmative votes of a majority of the members (9) not later than October 31, 2003. He welcomed new members, Rev. Day and Mike Murray.

John Boyce, Director, Division of Family and Children (DFC), Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), introduced Mike Murray, Assistant Director, DFC, FSSA, who will replace Mr. Boyce on the Board. Rep. Crawford and Sen. Lawson thanked Mr. Boyce for his service.

#### **DFC report on the status of child care in Indiana**

Beth Eiler, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Child Development, DFC, FSSA, provided the following

---

<sup>1</sup> Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.ai.org/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

information: (1) The child care center rules will be effective on 9/11/03. The rules will be available on the child care finder web site ([www.in.gov/carefinder/](http://www.in.gov/carefinder/)). Ms. Eiler stated that currently licensed child care centers will have until October 1, 2004, to achieve compliance with the new rules. (2) New child care home rules have been drafted. A copy will be made available to the members.<sup>2</sup> (3) Emergency closure rules have been drafted as required under HEA 1689-2003. A copy will be made available to the members.<sup>3</sup> (4) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provider minimum standards rules have been drafted. A copy will be made available to the members.<sup>4</sup> Ms. Eiler presented handouts providing information concerning the effect of minimum standards on child care and current provider information.<sup>5</sup>

In response to questions from Sen. Lawson, Rep. Crawford, Sen. Antich, Ms. Clippinger, Rev. Day, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eiler agreed to provide further information reflecting: (a) the geographic location of child care providers that have declined participation in the CCDF program and the impact of those providers' lack of participation; (b) current and previous three years information concerning the number of licensed homes, licensed centers, ministries, and license exempt homes, their capacity, and the number of children actually cared for; (c) the geographic location of licensed providers doing business in Indiana for the past three years; (d) the economic level of the neighborhoods in which providers have declined CCDF participation or have ceased to operate during the past three years.

### **Impact of the Fall, 2002, change in CCDF eligibility criteria**

Ms. Eiler explained the change in CCDF eligibility criteria to 127% of the federal poverty level which was caused by a reduction in funding available for the CCDF program. She provided a handout comparing the CCDF program before and after the eligibility criteria change.<sup>6</sup>

There was general discussion concerning: (a) the ability to follow the 3500 families that lost CCDF eligibility due to the criteria change; (b) the dramatic decrease in the waiting list and possible reasons for the decrease; (c) the continued need for child care by families that are no longer eligible; (d) the ability of DFC to amend the criteria without legislative action should increased funding become available; and (e) possibilities for child care funding through the private sector.

Ms. Eiler agreed to provide additional information concerning the status of the 3500 families that became ineligible for CCDF after the criteria change.

Rep. Crawford stated that employer involvement in child care funding, and funding from other private sources, will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting. He emphasized that education and employment are keys to improving the current and future economic status of the state and are supported by child care subsidies.

Ms. Eiler provided information concerning the federal CCDF reauthorization which is currently under consideration by Congress.

---

<sup>2</sup>Attachment 1.

<sup>3</sup>Attachment 2.

<sup>4</sup>Attachment 3.

<sup>5</sup>Attachment 4.

<sup>6</sup>Attachment 5.

**Child care home capacity limits - after school care**

Rep. Duncan described difficulties encountered in Decatur County due to insufficient child care to accommodate the need for after school care. She introduced Sheila Koors, parent, Greensburg, who described her circumstances in finding child care for her school aged children. There was general discussion concerning: (a) differences in child care in urban versus rural areas; (b) safety issues related to the number of children in a child care home; (c) the statutory requirement for school corporations to provide after school care (latch key programs); and (d) the 2001 statutory provision allowing 3 additional school aged children in class I child care homes.

Rep. Crawford suggested that Ms. Eiler meet with Rep. Duncan and her constituents to discuss their issues. Ms. Eiler responded that she has met with them concerning after school programs, and is willing to continue working with them. Rep. Crawford expressed his concern that flexibility is required for appropriate regulation of child care in different geographic areas. He stated that standards are necessary, but flexibility may assist in making quality child care more readily available throughout the state.

Rep. Duncan introduced LeeAnn Diekhoff, parent, Greensburg, who provided a copy of her testimony concerning her experience in obtaining child care for her children.<sup>7</sup> She emphasized the lack of interest by child care providers in becoming licensed and suggested requiring registration and investigation of complaints for certain providers who are uninterested in receiving public funding, but no additional regulation for such child care providers.

There was general discussion concerning: (a) the need to protect children; (b) the disparity in regulation of homes, centers, and ministries; (c) the difficulty in determining the level of regulation necessary to assure quality and maintain an adequate number of child care providers; (d) the need for flexibility in regulatory requirements; and (e) possible local community involvement in setting requirements for each community.

Rep. Crawford introduced Rep. John Day who was in attendance to hear the testimony in relation to another interim study committee meeting regarding this issue.

Ms. Johnson requested information concerning the number of children who are losing Title XX funding, and CCDF. Ms. Eiler agreed to address this issue at the next Board meeting.

Rep. Crawford requested that Board members inform Ms. Naughton of any issues that members would like to discuss during this interim and informed the members that he will schedule the next meeting on a date later in September.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Crawford adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

---

<sup>7</sup> Attachment 6.